

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 10-19 and 22 are pending and have been allowed. Claims 5-9, 20, 21, and 23 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 9, 20, 21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morizumi (JP 2003094845) or Masafumi (JP 08-085269). These claims have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Examiner has indicated that each of the currently pending claims, Claims 1, 2-4, 10-19 and 22, are allowable.

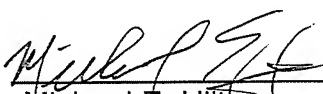
### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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